

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy shown during the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative Whitney Wilson on July 29, 2011, and for the indication at page 12 of the Final Rejection of allowable subject matter in the application. In accordance with the July 29th interview, and as set forth on page 12 of the Office Action, Applicants propose amending claim 1 to recite that the subject recited in claimed method suffers from a condition selected from the group consisting of type I or type II osteoporosis, secondary osteoporosis, Paget's disease, osteolysis observed at the vicinity of a prosthesis, periodontal disease, osteoarthritis, and osteopenia. Applicants propose amending claim 13 to make a minor, grammatical correction. Applicants also proposed cancelling claims 3-6, 15, 17-21, and 24.

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments as it is believed that they will place the application in condition for allowance. As noted above, the Examiner has indicated that the amendments to claim 1 – with the exception of the inclusion of osteopenia as one of the recited conditions – would render the claim “subject matter which would be considered for allowability at this time.” Osteopenia is a condition which is related to osteoporosis, and refers to a specific group of patients who have a bone mineral density value ranging from -1 to -2.5 Standard Deviations, as compared to that of a young adult (see ¶ [0022] of the published application). Thus, osteopenia, like the other conditions indicated by the Examiner as constituting part of the allowable subject matter, is not a universal condition. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that its inclusion in claim should not affect the patentability of claim 1, as Applicants propose to amend it.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that proposed amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit prompt notice to that effect. Should the Examiner believe a personal interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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